

Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Sections 46141, 46142, and Section 46164 of the Education Code, relating to school attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1549, as introduced, Alarcon. Minimum school day: high school.

Existing law specifies that the minimum number of minutes that constitute a minimum schoolday for a high school is 240.

This bill would increase from 240 to 300 the minimum number of minutes that constitute a minimum schoolday for high schools.

By increasing the number of minutes for which a school district is required to operate a high school, the bill would impose a state mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46141 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

1 46141. The minimum schoolday in any high school, except in
2 an evening high school, a regional occupational center, an
3 opportunity school and in opportunity classes, a continuation
4 high school, in continuation education classes, in late afternoon
5 or Saturday occupationally organized vocational training
6 programs conducted under a federally approved plan for
7 vocational education, and for students enrolled in a work
8 experience education program approved under the provisions of
9 Article 7 (commencing with Section 51760) of Chapter 5 of Part
10 28 of this division, is ~~240~~ 300 minutes.

11 SEC. 2. Section 46142 of the Education Code is amended to
12 read:

13 46142. (a) The minimum schoolday in any junior high
14 school, or high school described in Section 46141, may be
15 computed by determining the number of minutes of attendance in
16 any two consecutive schooldays and dividing that number by
17 two. If the resulting quotient *of the calculation for a high school*
18 is ~~240~~ 300 or more, the pupils shall be deemed to have complied
19 with Section 46141, even if the number of minutes attended in
20 any one schoolday is less than ~~240~~ 300, but not less than ~~180~~
21 240.

22 (b) No computation authorized by this section shall result in
23 any increase in state apportionments.

24 SEC. 3. Section 46146 of the Education Code is amended to
25 read:

26 46146. (a) A day of attendance in grades 11 and 12 is 180
27 minutes of attendance if the pupil is also enrolled part time in
28 classes of the California State University or the University of
29 California for which academic credit will be provided upon
30 satisfactory completion of enrolled courses.

31 (b) A day of attendance for any pupil who is also a special
32 part-time student enrolled in a community college under Article
33 1 (commencing with Section 48800) of Chapter 5 of Part 27 and
34 who will receive academic credit upon satisfactory completion of
35 enrolled courses is 180 minutes of attendance.

36 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for purposes
37 of computing the average daily attendance of a pupil described in
38 subdivision (a) or (b), the 180-minute minimum schoolday
39 permitted by this section shall be computed and reported as
40 attendance for three-quarters of the full ~~240~~ 300-minute

1 minimum schoolday prescribed by Section 46141. ~~Commencing~~
2 ~~with the 1995-96 fiscal year, if~~ *If* a pupil described in
3 subdivision (a) or (b) is in attendance for more than 180 minutes,
4 the average daily attendance of the pupil shall be computed and
5 reported by determining the percentage of the full ~~240~~
6 ~~300-minute~~ minimum schoolday prescribed by Section 46141
7 that the pupil was in attendance at the school. No more than one
8 full day of attendance may be reported for any pupil for any
9 schoolday pursuant to this subdivision.

10 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
11 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
12 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
13 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
14 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.